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WEOBLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1966

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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1966, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

I have no particular comment to make on the statistical section, where the figures throughout are more or less in line with the National experience.

We do seem to have had an increase over recent years of scarlet fever but most cases have been mild. The greater rate of food-poisoning is, I think, an indication of good notification.

I must thank Mr. Morley for his excellent report and note his remarks about the demand for dwellings like Letton school. In this context it is interesting to note that since we housed an itinerant "gypsy" type family there, I have had two similar families as regular visitors to my office in Leominster more or less begging to be given a similar chance to settle down - so much, I think, for the often repeated remark that these people do not really want to settle.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	..	..					5,620
Average number of persons per acre	..	..					.11
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	..	..			1,851
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	..						.04
Average number of persons per house	..	..					3.0
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£101,603
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	..				£392

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	41	40	81
Illegitimate	4	4	8
	45	44	89

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.17	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	15.8	16.8	15.9	16.8	16.1
" " (Adjusted)	18.5	19.6	18.6	19.7	20.4
England and Wales	17.7	18.1	18.5	18.2	18.0

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	9.0
England and Wales	..	*

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D.	22.0	20.8	11.1	20.5	22.0
England and Wales	15.3	15.8	16.3	17.2	18.1

*figure not yet available

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	11.2
England and Wales	..	11.1

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	11.2
England and Wales	..	12.9

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	33.0
England and Wales	..	26.3

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D.	(Total	33.7	21.3	45.0	32.3	11.2
	(Legitimate	37.0	23.0	47.1	23.8	11.8
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	111.1	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	19.0	19.0	19.9	21.1	21.7
	(Legitimate	*	*	19.4	20.8	21.3
	(Illegitimate	*	*	26.3	26.0	27.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D. .. Nil
England and Wales .. 0.26

DEATHS

Males

Males Females Total

Total number of deaths from all causes: 32 24 56

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.96	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	10.0	11.9	9.8	10.8	10.1
" " (Adjusted)	9.6	10.9	9.6	10.6	7.7
England and Wales	11.7	11.5	11.3	12.2	11.9

Cancer

Males Females Total

Total deaths from Malignant Disease: 4 5 9

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D.	1.60	1.60	1.61	2.35	2.17
England and Wales	2.25	2.23	2.20	2.17	2.18

Cardio-Vascular Disease

Males Females Total

Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease: 21 12 33

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D.	5.87	7.13	5.72	5.77	5.97
England and Wales	5.97	5.95	5.73	5.22	6.14

*figures not yet available

DEATHSRespiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	2	2	4		
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Weobley R.D.	0.71	0.71	0.71	1.26	0.90
England and Wales	1.60	1.41	1.37	1.71	1.57

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	3	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	-	3
Coronary disease, angina	10	3	13
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart disease	6	7	13
Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	5	5
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	1	-	1
Suicide	1	-	1
	32	24	56

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEWeobley Rural District

Disease	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Whooping Cough	5	-	12	-	-
Measles	52	88	45	56	13
Scarlet Fever	16	8	2	-	1
Erysipelas	1	1	1	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	6	1	2	6	7
Dysentery	4	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:					
Non-Pulmonary	2	-	-	-	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	37	5	70	29	13
Measles	271	525	609	507	337
Scarlet Fever	29	12	8	12	9
Erysipelas	4	3	2	3	5
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	-	-	2	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	1	2
Acute Pneumonia	9	3	8	13	15
Dysentery	92	6	3	7	1
Food Poisoning	9	8	14	7	5
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	1	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	4	8	10	9	7
Non-Pulmonary	3	3	3	1	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1966

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	26	6	37
Measles	52	8	4	5	2	2	3	15	39	21	35	85	271
Scarlet Fever	5	2	1	-	3	8	1	-	5	-	-	4	29
Erysipelas	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	9
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	43	2	3	-	-	2	40	92
Food Poisoning	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	9
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary ⁴	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	1.00	0.40
Measles	7.33	7.15
Scarlet Fever	0.78	0.44
Erysipelas	0.11	0.03
Acute Pneumonia	0.24	0.17
Dysentery	2.49	0.44
Food Poisoning	0.24	0.09
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.11	0.26
Non-Pulmonary	0.08	0.04

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1965.	17	11	7	5
New cases notified	-	-	-	2
Recovered	2	2	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1966.	15	9	7	7

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1962	-	49	-	1
1963	-	45	1	3
1964	-	43	1	1
1965	-	40	-	-
1966	2	38	-	4

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTPHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres and is situated in the North Western portion of the County.

There are no exceptionally large villages within the district, but each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

Agriculture is the major industry, but on account of mechanisation and rationalisation within the industry the number of persons finding employment in farming is gradually declining.

On the other hand the tendency for people in Hereford and Leominster to reside in the rural district still continues and is regarded as beneficial to the area in all respects.

WATER SUPPLIES(a) Regional and Village Supplies

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of the supply of the Herefordshire Water Board and mains supplies are available in the greater portion of the district.

The scheme for supplying the Westhope Hill area of Canon Pyon has been completed by the Water Board.

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses
(including farm houses)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Almeley	77	231
Birley	6	18
Bishopstone	65	195
Blakemere	6	18
Bridge Sollars	4	12
Brobury	1	3
Byford	26	78
Canon Pyon	71	213
Dilwyn	88	264
Eardisland	45	135
Kinnersley	27	81
Kings Pyon	57	171
Letton	2	6
Mansel Lacy	35	105
Moccas	6	18
Monnington-on-Wye	5	15

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (Continued)
(including farm houses)

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Approx. Population</u>
Norton Canon	57	171
Preston-on-Wye	15	45
Sarnesfield	5	15
Staunton-on-Wye	94	282
Stretford	1	3
Weobley	197	591
Yazor	17	51

Water Supplied from Private Mains

Bridge Sollars	2	6
B rinsop	3	9
Canon Pyon	2	6
Mansel Lacy	4	12
Preston-on-Wye	20	60
Wormesley	22	66
Yazor	15	45

Water Supplied from Public Water Mains by means of Standpipes

Almeley	1	3
Birley	2	6
Bishopstone	1	3
Dilwyn	6	18
Weobley	8	24

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 67 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Supplies (chlorinated)	21	8	29
Other supplies (wells, springs and Private Supplies)	12	26	38
	33	34	67

Where samples have been proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

For many years the Weobley Sewage Disposal works has functioned satisfactorily but as a result of the increase in new building within the village, the works is now overloaded and upon the Council's instructions the Consulting Engineers are preparing proposals for enlarging the capacity of the sewage disposal works, as well as the examination and repairs to existing old sewers with a view to remedying, as far as possible, the infiltration of subsoil water.

The new sewerage scheme for Dilwyn Village was commissioned during the year, all the Council's houses have been connected but the response by owners of private dwellings has so far been rather disappointing, although towards the end of the year building plans were in the course of preparation which eventually will result in several more houses being connected.

At Canon Pyon, the sewerage scheme laid down in 1965 has functioned fairly well in spite of the difficulty in obtaining suitable labour for carrying out day to day maintenance. There has also been a gradual improvement in the number of properties being connected.

The proposals for installation of an Extended Aeration plant and small sewerage scheme for Upper and Lower Moccas were well advanced by the close of the year but pressure of other work prevented any further progress being made in connection with the proposals for Preston-on-Wye.

A new filter bed, settlement tank and humus tank at Staunton-on-Wye is likely to be completed during 1967.

Number of houses connected to public sewers:	217
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works:	708 (est.)
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal:	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal:	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the area.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The fortnightly collection of household refuse is well appreciated by ratepayers throughout the area and as from the first of October, arrangements were implemented for the fortnightly collection of household refuse by the Council's staff and vehicle from the whole of the area of the Kington Rural District Council and by the close of the year the scheme as a whole was functioning fairly well, although on looking more closely into the matter and in the light of experience, it is considered advisable that the scheme should, in due course, be

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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (Continued)

reviewed with a prospect of integrating the rounds of the two districts as by so doing, the utmost use would be made of all travelling time.

The problem of disposal of refuse is still with us and it is suggested, can only be effectively dealt with in the long term by the introduction of fully controlled tipping or some suitable mechanical means of waste utilisation or disposal.

On the various collection rounds, the refuse freighter travelled some 8,694 miles throughout the year at an estimated average mileage per gallon of fuel of 6.7

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Survey of the District under Section 2 of the Act is being undertaken by Contract, also all Council properties are being treated as necessary from time to time.

Particulars forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture on the revised form I.R. 31 are as follows:-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS		
1. Number of properties in district	1214	677
2. a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	Nil	Nil
b) Number infested by 1) Rats	Nil	Nil
2) Mice	Nil	Nil
3. a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	540	243
b) Number infested by 1) Rats	58	52
2) Mice	Nil	Nil

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats
during the year?

YES

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	1	-	-	-
Building Inspections and new Buildings	383	14	-	14
Building Plans	116	-	-	-
Building Regulations	5	3	-	3
Building Sites	1	-	-	-
Council Housing Schemes	1244	-	-	-
Council House Management and Maintenance	309	12	-	12
Council House Tenancy Investigations	179	-	-	-
Civil Defence	1	-	-	-
Drainage	20	-	-	-
Discretionary Improvement Grants	42	-	-	-
Dangerous Buildings	4	-	-	-
Food Premises	21	2	-	2
Housing (F.P.) Act	17	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	62	1	-	1
Infectious Diseases	15	-	-	-
Ice-cream licences and Samples	2	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	132	-	-	-
Milk Samples	26	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	116	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	14	4	-	4
Nuisances	39	10	-	10
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	11	-	-	-
Problem Family Inspections	5	-	-	-
Planning Duties	2	-	-	-
Petroleum Inspections	10	-	-	-
Public Offices	5	-	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	96	-	-	-

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR (Continued)

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Rodent Control	4	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	4	-	-	-
Sewage Disposal	428	-	-	-
Standard Improvement Grants	84	-	-	-
Tidy Village Contest	3	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	7	-	-	-
Water Samples	59	-	-	-
Water Supplies	13	-	-	-
Totals:	3840	46	-	46

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:-

	FACTORIES <u>Mechanical Power</u>		Total	Other Premises
	With	Without		
Almeley	3	-	3	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	1
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	-	-	-	1
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	1
Weobley	6	-	6	2
	17	-	17	8

The 'Other Premises' described in the foregoing list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act. There are no large factories in the rural district and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 AND HOUSE
PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The scheme has been implemented by the Council since 1952 and so far 134 proposals have been approved, two of which were later withdrawn by the applicants. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to 6.7% of the total number of occupied houses.

Nine schemes were approved by the Council during the year, nine were completed and grants paid.

Standard Improvement Grants

This method of improving old properties continues to be well received and during the year twentynine applications were made, twentysix of which were approved with seventeen completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959, some 172 proposals amounting to about 8.7% of the total occupied houses in the area have been approved, five of these being later withdrawn by the applicants.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

By the end of the year thirtysix houses and two bungalows, all of industrialised construction, were erected on four sites and ready for occupation within six months of commencement of operations.

This is a record time for completion and occupation as respects this area, a point which has been made in previous reports to the Housing Committee and which is also in line with Ministry policy.

The erection of traditional type houses within the district has in post war years always been a slow process no doubt due to lack of building operatives and the fact that private development, which is obviously more attractive to building contractors, taking up the available labour force.

The conversion of the former Letton School and School House into accommodation for problem families seems likely to be completed early in 1967, the provision of more of this type of accommodation would be welcomed from a Council Housing Management point of view and should result in the long term in better preservation of the Council's more modern post war houses.

Other future proposals at present include four houses and three bungalows at Moccas, four houses and two bungalows at Preston-on-Wye four or five bungalows at Almeley and a Grouped Dwelling Unit at Weobley, to serve the whole of the Rural District.

A summary of the various Council Housing Schemes is given on page 18.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

37 new dwellings were completed during 1966, and at the close of the year a further 15 were in various stages of construction.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES

	Comp- leted	Year	Under cons- truction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8	1951	-	-	-	-
	2	1955	-	-	-	-
	11	1956	-	-	5	1966
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	-	-
	12	1966	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	2	1945	-	-	-	-
	14	1965	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1965	-	-	-	-
Dilwyn	12	1953	-	-	-	-
	4	1955	-	-	-	-
Eardisland	4	1954	-	-	-	-
	15	1955	-	-	-	-
Kings Pyon	6	1966	-	-	-	-
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	-	-
	4	1966	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	2	1966	-	-	-	-
Letton Conversion	2	1966	-	-	-	-
Moccas	-	-	-	-	7	1962
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	14	1966	-	-	-	-
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-	-
(Conversions)	1	1948	-	-	-	-
	2	1952	-	-	-	-
	5	1952	-	-	-	-
	3	1958	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	20	1962	-	-	-	-
(Group Dwellings)	-	-	-	-	30	1964
	220		-		48	

FINANCIAL ADVANCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE
OR RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Since 1956 it has been the Council's policy to advance money for the purposes stated in the heading and, generally speaking, although applications have not been too numerous, the scheme has functioned successfully and has been proved as a means of promoting new building as well as the repair of existing dwellings, without cost to ratepayers.

Table of Advances made since 1956:

For the construction of new houses or bungalows:	15
For the purchase, repair or improvement of existing dwellings:	51

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 251 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:

Plans and particulars relating to:

Private garages	17
Alterations, improvements and additions	74
Drainage systems	9
Advertisement signs	5
Private houses	31
Overhead lines for M.E.B.	11
Petrol Storage and Pumps	2
Accesses	9
Change of use of land	33
Farm Buildings	19
Sites for moveable dwellings	3
Change of use of buildings	6
Conversion of Buildings	2
Verandahs, porches & small extensions	10
Store sheds and greenhouses	5
Light industrial development	5
Connection to public sewer	7
Central heating systems	1
Bathing pool	1
Telephone exchange	1

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 53,790 gallons.

There are 12 petrol filling stations and 40 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKER'S QUARTERS

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers: 2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

School Milk Supplies

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Twentyseven samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

Food Premises

Food Premises in area:

Butcher's shops	2	School Canteens	4
Grocer's shops	24	Snack Bars	1
Inns and Hotels	21	Cafes	1

There are also a few smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets in pre-packed wrappers.

Throughout the year from time to time miscellaneous inspections of food premises were undertaken during the course of other visits, but twentyone inspections were made specifically in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations.

Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	53
Number of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies	53
Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19	53
Premises registered under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 for storage and sale of ice-cream	34

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. Both establishments have been recently improved.

During the year 111 beasts, 284 sheep, 100 lambs, 217 pigs and 1 calf were slaughtered at the two establishments and, after inspection, the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:-

41 bovine livers, 9 pigs' livers, 42 sheep livers, 3 pigs' heads, 1 sheep carcass, 3 sheep hindquarters and part of 1 beast's carcass.

By comparison with 1965, slightly more animals were slaughtered in the area - 15% more.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained, although as in previous years this has frequently meant the working of extra time, outside normal working hours.

